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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

INMATE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

Leonard Gray Hawk, 35, an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution at Oxford, Wis., is charged with possessing a prohibited object. The indictment alleges that he possessed marijuana on October 17, 2008.

If convicted, Gray Hawk faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Prisons and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

MAN CHARGED WITH ESCAPE

Jason Bell, 26, is charged with escaping from the Rock Valley Community Programs in Janesville, Wis. The indictment alleges that he escaped on November 16, 2008. He was arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service on December 11.

If convicted, Bell faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Marshals Service. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

TWO CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES

In unrelated cases, two Mexican citizens have been charged with intentionally re-

entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictments charge Mario Salas-Rodriguez, 49, found living in Jefferson County on August 18, 2008, and Ramiro Ortiz-Raigoza, 21, found living in Beloit, Wis., on November 22, 2008.

If convicted, each man faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charges against them are the result of investigations conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of these cases has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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